

After a very mild fall winter finally arrived in the last couple of weeks and we have had our first significant snowfall. The following are sections from the Town's Community Standards bylaw that deal with **snow removal**:

- 7.1 *The owner or occupant of any premises adjoining a public sidewalk shall clear away any snow, ice, dirt or other obstruction from the public sidewalk within **forty eight (48) hours** after the time such snow, ice, dirt or other obstruction was deposited or formed on the public sidewalk.*
- 7.2 *In the event said material of snow, ice, dirt or other obstruction is formed or deposited on a public sidewalk and is not cleared within the required time the Town of Bow Island may cause the public sidewalk to be cleared at the expense of the owner or occupant of the premises adjoining the public sidewalk OR a Municipal Violation Ticket, ..... may also be issued to the legal landowner adjacent to the public sidewalk, driveway or boulevard from where the snow was or was not removed.*
- 7.5 *A person shall not place snow or ice taken from a driveway, walkway parking surface or boulevard, and place or pile said snow/ice on any street, laneway, avenue or roadway owned and maintained by the Town of Bow Island.*
- 7.6 *Snow may be piled on to the grass and paved boulevards, however it may not encroach onto roadways, laneways, sidewalks or otherwise interfere with any vehicular or pedestrian traffic.*

The fine for the first offence is \$100 and \$200 for the second offence. More information is available at [Bow Island Bylaws](#) under the Community Standards Bylaw. The Town's Snow Removal Policy can be found at [Bow Island Services Policies](#). It lists the procedures and priorities that guides Public Works in dealing with snowfalls and stipulates that private contractors and individuals must consult with the Town before creating snow piles with their own equipment. If weather and time permits, Public Works may plow and/or remove snow in areas not on the priority list, such as they have done this week.

A contractor is installing the power, gas and telecom conduit in the new **Parkview** development this week. Construction has begun on one of the multi-family units and property sales have gone well. Credit goes to our staff and the local contractors who prepared the land and infrastructure quickly to get us on the road to easing the pressure on the housing supply. Our staff in the office also moved quickly, reducing red tape and speeding approvals.

We have another new business in Town. **Discounts Plus** has opened in the corner space or the Plaza at Centre & Main. Be sure to stop in and welcome them to Bow Island.

After serving our community for the past 6 years, **Dr. Cecilia Gordillo** has found it necessary to move closer to Calgary to assist her parents. My thanks to Dr. Gordillo for her dedication to our healthcare needs and I wish her and her family all the best. We have benefited from her expertise and knowledge as a family physician, and I am glad to hear she plans to return occasionally as one of the locums who will provide relief to Dr. Tawfeeq, Drs. Andrew and Joy Okoror. In the meantime, AHS has started the recruitment of 2 doctors to fill the positions here.

Lots of decorations and lights are going up around Town on homes and businesses. Our **Tourism Committee** is getting some of our public buildings and spaces decorated and are preparing for the **Holiday of Light Parade** this Sunday evening. The whole weekend kicks off Friday evening with the annual supper and auction fundraiser at **St. Michael's School**. The Carol Festival begins at 2 pm at St. Michael's Church and the parade starts at 5 at Gershaw School and finishes in front of Pleasant View Lodge with the tree lighting at 6.

2024 has been a busy year for our Town and 2025 promises more growth and activity. All of us at the Town wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year**.



*Mayor Gordon Reynolds*

